

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 1

THE STORY OF JOSEPH.

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 37:1-3.
GOLDEN TEXT—Hated strife up
stirred, but love covered up all trans-
gressions.—Proverbs 10:12.
DEVOTIONAL READING—Psalms 4
and 139.
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Genesis 37:
1-17.

I. Joseph the Well-Beloved Son (37:1-4).

Joseph was Jacob's favorite son. This was due partly to the fact that he was the son of the wife of his first love, and the son of his old age, but mainly because of the superior qualities which Joseph possessed. This favoritism expressed itself in a superior position and more respectable clothes. That Jacob should feel partial toward Joseph, perhaps, was unavoidable, but that he should manifest it was extremely unwise. Serious trouble will always result from partiality being shown toward children. His brethren's intense hatred burst forth upon him. This feeling was intensified by his pure life and by his testimony among them because of their evil deeds. Joseph is a type of Christ. He was living in fellowship with his father at Hebron (Gen. 37:12); Christ was with the Father before coming into the world (John 16:28); Joseph was the beloved son (Genesis 37:3); Christ was the beloved Son of God (Matthew 3:17); Joseph was hated by his brethren (Genesis 37:4); Christ was hated by his brethren (John 15:24); Joseph was envied by his brethren (Genesis 37:11); Christ was delivered up through envy (Mark 15:10).

II. Joseph's Dreams (37:5-13).

1. His brothers' sheaves bowing in obedience to his.

This was rightly interpreted by them to mean their humble obedience to him. This intensified their hatred.

2. The sun, moon and stars rendering homage to him.

This dream is wider in application. The sun stands for the church, the moon for the church members, and stars for the church members' hearts. Joseph, as rightly interpreted, represents his father, as rendering obedience to him.

III. Joseph Sent by His Father on a Mission of Mercy to His Brethren (37:14-17).

His brethren had gone to Shechem, about fifty miles distant from Hebron, where was abundance of pasture for their flocks. Jacob became anxious as to their welfare, and sent Joseph, a young man now seventeen years old, to find out their condition. Undeterred by the envious hatred of his brethren, he willingly responded, "Here I am." No doubt he realized that his mission was fraught with great danger—the exposure to highway robbers, wild beasts, and the murderous hatred of his brethren. Notwithstanding this, he rendered willing obedience. Christ was sent by the Father on a mission of mercy to his brethren (1 John 4:14; John 1:11; Phil. 2:7, 8). Though he knew that the envious hatred of his brethren would result in his suffering and death on the cross, he went forth delighting to do his Father's will.

IV. Joseph's Reception by His Brethren (37:18-23).

1. Their murderous plot (vv. 18-22). They said "Behold this dreamer cometh. Let us slay him." This is what Christ's brethren said about him (Matt. 21:38). They thought they would prevent these dreams coming true by destroying the dreamer. Reuben dissuaded them from this act by proposing to cast him into a pit, intending afterward to rescue him and restore him to his father.

2. They strip him of his coat of many colors and cast him into the pit (vv. 23, 24). In spite of his earnest entreaty against this act they perpetrated this heartless cruelty (Genesis 42:21).

3. Their feasting (v. 25).

Their heartless cruelty is manifest in that they could enjoy the festivities of a meal, perhaps, within the sight and hearing of Joseph's cries.

4. Sold him to the Ishmaelites (vv. 26-28).

Judas proposed that they sell him, as no gain could accrue from letting him die in the pit. One Judas, later, sold the Lord for money. Having done this infamous deed, they sought to cover it up by deceit and lying. They took his coat of many colors and dipped it in the blood of a kid and sent it to his father, allowing him to draw his own conclusions as to the matter. "Jacob is now raving," said he to his father, "Many years before this he had deceived his father by trickery and plots lying."

Others.

The late General Booth was asked upon one occasion to send a message to the various stations of the Salvation Army throughout the world, and to condense into one word. After some reflection he chose the word "Obedience." There was a whole sermon in it—the call to sacrifice.

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feminist as well as a lawyer. "But the trouble with all women who work is that they never look to see where they're headed for. They do today's task, well or poorly, according to their characters, but they seldom consider which haven't any top for them to rise year. They flock into professions which haven't any top for them to rise to—as a man never would."

"Just like me, Martha!" I exclaimed. "A filing job doesn't lead anywhere. I certainly am an average working girl one way. Why, do you know, all I thought about was finding a job I could manage! Honest and truly, it never once occurred to me that I ought to hunt a position in which I could rise, as a man would!"

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My coveted experience in business life began the moment I set foot in the express elevator of the Lorimer building at 3:20 one fine fall morning. The girls in the elevator faced me with a united and hostile front. I realized that I looked decidedly plain, perhaps a little bit shabby. I was wearing a fall serge suit. It was a warm morning for November, but many of the girls were sporting long raccoon coats. The men in the elevator gave me "the once over" in a way not at all

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unfriendly. They were simpler than the girls, and more frank, I thought. Evidently they were prepared to set upon me any value I should set upon myself.

Not one of the girls spoke to me in the dressing room, where they lingered to powder their noses. Probably they would "place" me before they made advances. The atmosphere was exactly like that of the dressing room at a formal luncheon or bridge party. There was the same frigidity with which the women of an established social set invariably receive a newcomer.

When I reported to Chrys I whispered, "Please don't let it be known that I'm Bob Lorimer's wife. Can't I pass as a poor relation of the family? Martha warned me."

Chrys laughed. "You can," she agreed, "and you would better. I'll warn Daddy—or he may touse your hair!"

"Oh, do," I begged, "and don't forget!" For it is Daddy's favorite joke to ruffle up my collar wherever he finds me when he is in a fine humor.

Chrys showed me how she wanted the filing done. It was easy to learn. I had often helped my own father with

the catalogs and files he used in his college work. I think no honest experience in life is ever lost. Chrys was honestly delighted with her new subordinate.

"And thank heaven you've got sense enough to dress the part, too," she sighed as she surveyed my plain serge frock.

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